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Improvement and small irrigation schemes is Rs. 330 lakhs, of which about one-half would have been spent by the end of this year (1953–54). The provision made in the Budget for 1954–55 is Rs. 94 lakhs."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :—" இந்த திட்டம் நிறைவேற்றுவதற்கு சர்க்கார் மேற்கொண்டு புதிதாக வரி போடுவார்களா? மத்திய சர்க்கார் ஏதாவது ஒரு பகுதியை ஒதுக்கி வைக்க முன் வருவார்களா?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no question of proposing fresh taxation for a particular purpose. The overall position of the Budget is taken into consideration. That alone is the criterion whenever any proposal for fresh taxation is taken up. Apart from that, I have already stated that we have provided Rs. 94 lakhs for 1954–55."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" I understand the Government are likely to give up a number of schemes in South Kanara, on the plea that returns are not adequate. May I request the Government to see that special consideration is given to the district in the matter of irrigation schemes so that it might continue to be self-supporting in spite of the growth in population?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I shall take into consideration the suggestion made by the hon. Member."

*Gazetted Officers belonging to Scheduled Castes in the Industries Department.*

* 406 *Q*.—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the number of Gazetted Officers in the Industries Department who belong to the Scheduled Castes and the names of the posts held by them?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" There are two Gazetted Officers in the Industries Department who belong to the Scheduled Castes. One holds the post of Personal Assistant to the Principal, School of Arts and Crafts, Madras and the other the post of Footwear Assistant, Institute of Leather Technology, Madras."

SRI D. DASARATHAN :—" May I know whether the service of that Personal Assistant has been regularised in the Industries Department? If not, whether the Hon. Minister for Industries be pleased to state the reasons for it?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" A separate question may be put."

*Centres under the National Extension Scheme in North Arcot.*

* 407 *Q*.—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of centres under the National Extension Scheme opened in North Arcot district;